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U.S. Patent Documents - No., Date, Name

3,973,648	Aug. 10, 1976	Hummert, et al.
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The above-mentioned references were cited in three (3) Search Reports in the prosecution of the corresponding claimed priority application EP 04405130 (subsequently abandoned) and subsequently filed application EP 05004200. A copy of each of the corresponding EU reports (one for each application) and the Austrian Search Report dated January 27, 2006 issued for the Singapore application No. 200501361-0 (corresponding to EP 05004200) are enclosed. Please note that U.S. Pat. No. 4,568,909 and EP 0364151 A2 have previously been brought to the attention of the Examiner in the Information Disclosure Statement filed by Applicant on January 10, 2007. Therefore, only a copy of WO 03/066497 A is enclosed herewith. Additionally, a Form PTO/SB/08a (previously PTO-1449) is enclosed herewith. It is requested that each of the references be fully considered and made of record in this case.

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